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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Present Arrangements For the Economic Session of the [REDACTED] Electronics Conference. 25X1X7

REFERENCE: 3053-1-2404, 5 September 1953.

1. The following is forwarded for the attention of [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
25X1X7 (A fuller explanation of the present arrangements for the Economic session of the [REDACTED] Electronics Conference.

2. [REDACTED] comments on the proposed agenda for the Economic Session (EIC/MS-2-1-53) were received and carefully considered by the EIC Subcommittee on Electronics and Telecommunications. Following this, 25X1A9a [REDACTED] visited [REDACTED] to reach a final determination of an agenda, 25X1X7 which would coordinate the proposal of [REDACTED] and the EIC Subcommittee. On this visit [REDACTED] accompanied Mr. William Howe, representing the Military Electronics Working Group, JCS, and [REDACTED] 25X1X7 U.S. Delegation Chairman and representative of the Scientific 25X1A9a Antitrust Committee. Although full details of the arrangements have 25X1A9a [REDACTED] by way have formally forwarded to [REDACTED] 25X1A9a [REDACTED] in answering [REDACTED] last communication it is 25X1A9a necessary to submit a few of the details bearing on the Economic Session. The [REDACTED] are information addressed to this memorandum. 25X1X7

3. The arrangements for the conference have been established under the working agreement of a single conference with two sessions, one Scientific and one Economic. The sponsorship of the Economic Session (including determination of agenda) rests with Economic Intelligence Components of the participating governments, although the schedule of meetings, the arrangements for delegates and observers, the forwarding of documents, security clearances, and other house-keeping details are jointly assumed as plenary matters, and in the U.S. will be handled through a single coordinated channel, the Ad Hoc Conference Arrangements Group, chaired by [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

4. The details of the agenda for the Economic Session are included in an attachment to this memorandum. It should be noted that the last day of the Scientific Session is Monday, June 19th. The Economic Session commences the following morning and lasts for two full days, thru Wednesday, 21 January. The morning of Thursday, 22 January, will see the conclusion of the conference with a plenary

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Session for summation of the major points by the chairman of the delegations. It is anticipated that there will be a considerable amount of continuity of participation between the two sessions, although the focus of interest will be somewhat different.

25X1X7 5. It should also be pointed out that the individual papers slated for [REDACTED] contribution have been formulated according to the understanding, on the part of [REDACTED] and the EIC Subcommittee, of [REDACTED] interests 25X1X7 and recommendations for the sessions. If any violence has been done to the meaning of [REDACTED] comments, rectification 25X1A9a will still be possible.

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6. In two specific cases, [REDACTED] comments were carefully considered and debated within the EIC Subcommittee and discussed with [REDACTED] Be- 25X1X7 cause of the considerations provided below both items were retained in the agenda. Please do not hesitate to indicate if these considerations do not fully meet [REDACTED] objections. 25X1X7

a) The first instance dealt with the review of CIA/ER-138. The Subcommittee felt that, although discussion of this report at some length did take place between ORR [REDACTED] the proposal 25X1X7 for this agenda item would not result in duplication of that discussion. It is recognized that the original conference proposal of this item had perhaps not clearly indicated this. The original paper, "Guide to a Critique of CIA/ER-138," has therefore been withdrawn and submitted in its place is a paper, "Validity of Intelligence Estimates on USSR Telecommunications," which points up more clearly the area of concern. Because CIA/ER-138 contains necessary background and graphic material related to all USSR papers to be presented, copies of the report will be made available to conference delegates.

b) In the case of [REDACTED] comments on the greater relative value of the semi-conductor paper to the scientific rather than the Economic Session, the Scientific Session planners did not set to pick up this item. A second major factor, however, was that the focus of the paper is primarily economic rather than technical. The paper will be available during the Scientific Session, and to the extent that any discussion takes place in that session, the Economic discussion may be shortened thereby. 25X1A9a

7. The U.S. written contribution to the European Satellites will be limited to production in East Germany in view of [REDACTED] offer to 25X1X7 make a contribution in this area.

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9. It is suggested that because of the need for fully coordinated communication in the remaining time prior to the conference, copies of future communications should be forwarded to each of the [REDACTED] representatives.

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